

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-10, 14, 18-20, 24, and 28-30 are amended. Claims 1-3, 11-13, and 21-23 are canceled. Claims 31-36 are added. Thus, Claims 4-10, 14-20, and 24-36 are pending. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made exclusively to improve readability and clarity of the claims and not for the purpose of overcoming alleged prior art.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action indicated that Claims 4-7, 14-17, and 24-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4, 14, and 24 have been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, allowance of Claims 4, 14, and 24, and the claims that depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 4.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The portions of the specification that allegedly would have included a “wave” within the definition of “machine-readable medium” have been deleted. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 8-13, 18-23, and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kamp in view of Hewlett-Packard. Claims 1-3, 11-13, and 21-23 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejections of those claims. Claims 8-10, 18-20, and 28-30 depend from Claims 4, 14, and 24, respectively. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 8-10, 18-20, and 28-30 are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons that Claims 4, 14, and 24 are patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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